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OCTOBER 9, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: HENRY A. KISSINGER
SUBJECT: INFORMATION ITEMS

END TO KIDNAPING POSSIBLY NEAR: IT APPEARS THAT THE KIDNAPERS IN SANTO DOMINGO HAVE AGREED TO ACCEPT THE OFFER OF DOMINICAN PRESIDENT BALAGUER TO GRANT THE KIDNAPERS SAFE CONDUCT TO THE COUNTRY OF THEIR CHOICE IN RETURN FOR THE SAFE RELEASE OF THEIR HOSTAGES. THE CHIEF OF POLICE INFORMED OUR AMBASSADOR LATE TUESDAY AFTERNOON THAT MENDEZ VARGAS, LEADER OF THE KIDNAPERS, HAD ASKED FOR SAFE CONDUCT TO MEXICO FOR ALL THE CAPTORS. MENDEZ ALSO ASKED THE GOVERNMENT TO NAME GUARANTORS FOR THE TRANSACTION. ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS GOVERNMENT, THE MEXICAN AMBASSADOR INFORMED DOMINICAN OFFICIALS THAT MEXICO WAS UNABLE TO ACCEDE TO THE REQUEST FOR ASYLUM. THIS IS THE SECOND TIME THAT MENDEZ HAS REPORTEDLY AGREED TO ACCEPT SAFE CONDUCT. IN THE FIRST INSTANCE HE USED THE ACCEPTANCE AS A PLOY TO GET NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE DOMINICAN GOVERNMENT STARTED.

HONDURAN SITUATION: THE RESUMPTION OF HEAVY RAINS IN HONDURAS CAUSED DISRUPTIONS IN THE RELIEF EFFORT AND RESULTED IN OUR AMBASSADOR'S RECALLING TWO HELICOPTERS PREVIOUSLY RELEASED AS UNNECESSARY TO ASSIST IN THE SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION PROCESS. THE WEATHER CAUSED FURTHER LANDSLIDES AND DAMAGE TO LAND TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES. ALTHOUGH THERE WAS A LET-UP MONDAY AFTERNOON, FURTHER RAINS ARE EXPECTED. AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT OF A TYPHOID EPIDEMIC IN THE NORTHERN PART OF THE COUNTRY IS BEING INVESTIGATED. ADDITIONAL MEDICINES REQUESTED BY THE HONDURAN GOVERNMENT WERE AIRLIFTED FROM THE U.S. TUESDAY.

ETHIOPIAN SITUATION: THE ARREST MONDAY OF SOME DISSIDENTS IN THE RULING ARMED FORCES COORDINATING COMMITTEE SEEMS TO HAVE DEFUSED FOR THE MOMENT THE TENSE SITUATION IN ADDIS ABABA. THE ARRESTS WERE PRECEDED BY LIMITED SKIRMISHES, BUT ALL AMERICANS IN THE CITY ARE SAFE AND THE CITY IS QUIET.

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